

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Public Health Expenditure in India
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- (a) the funds allocated annually for health in the last three years and utilization thereof;
- (b) the total health expenditure in India as a percentage of GDP annually in the last three years; and
- (c) whether sufficient funds have been allocated for the ever increasing health needs of our country, if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): statement showing allocation of funds and expenditure thereunder estimated for 2013-14 to 2015-16 by Government (Central and State combined) in health sector, is annexed.

(b): As per Economic Survey 2015-16 brought out by Ministry of Finance, public expenditure on health (Centre and States) as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for last three years is as under:

- (i) 2013-14 - 1.2%
- (ii) 2014-15 - 1.3%
- (iii) 2015-16 - 1.3 %

As per recent publication of National Health Accounts –Estimates for India 2013-14, the total health expenditure as percentage of GDP is estimated at 4.02% for 2013-14.

(c): Health being a State subject, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments through financial assistance. The Central allocation of funds for health sector is based inter-alia on the availability of resources and competing claims on these resources. An increased growth rate of the economy generates increased resources for funding the health sector.